

Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

A veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Lt. Logan was born in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He received a B.A. in Theology from the Antillean Adventist University in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico in 1992. He was licensed by the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventists and began pastoral duties on St. Croix and St. Maarten.

Lt. Logan graduated with his Master of Divinity Degree on August 8, 1998 from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Two years later, he received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan, with a clinical emphasis in children and Youth in Marriage and Family in Society. He subsequently served as a youth pastor, mental health therapist and marriage and family therapist in Michigan.

As a soldier, Lt. Logan served as Flotilla Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary before coming on active duty in 2001, serving aboard the USS *Belleau* and deploying on WESTPAC 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2004, he was assigned as Squadron Chaplain to Marine Aircraft Group 16 and was later deployed to Al Asad, Iraq with MAG-16 Headquarters in support of Iraqi Freedom in May 2007. Earlier this year, he graduated from the U.S. Naval War College, Fleet Seminar Program, receiving a diploma from the College of Naval Command and Staff.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Logan, soon to become a Lt. Commander in the Navy has combined his call to serve others with distinguished service as a soldier, a counselor and a minister. He is one of our best, as he provides counsel to his fellows in the armed services and to civilians in need of his help. We are proud of his accomplishments and on behalf of my family, staff, and the people of the Virgin Islands I wish him well as he continues to serve his country and his community with distinction.

HONORING PORTRAIT OF MAQUOKETA

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rose Frantzen, her husband Charles Morris, the Frantzen family, and the entire Maquoketa, Iowa community on the premier of Ms. Frantzen's Portrait of Maquoketa at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. This work will be on display from November 2009 to July 2010.

Portrait of Maquoketa is a compilation of 180 individual oil portraits of Maquoketa residents painted between July 2005 and July 2006. Ms. Frantzen's exceptional skill is evident in each portrait, but the paintings are more striking when displayed together.

Ms. Frantzen describes Portrait of Maquoketa as "an unfiltered representation of this small Iowa community at this time in history." Unlike many portraits that are commissioned or collected by people with a distinct interest in art, Ms. Frantzen took a democratic approach to her work and opened her store

front studio to any Maquoketa who wished to pose for her. She painted children, adults, seniors and adolescents. During the sittings she conducted informal interviews and later made audio recordings of her neighbors' stories, ideas, and beliefs. Many of these recordings are part of the installation at the Portrait Gallery.

The individuals in Portrait of Maquoketa don't look distinctly Iowan. There are no clues in the paintings indicating they have any relationship to each other. Together, though, we recognize these individuals are also a community with a shared identity and future. In each portrait Ms. Frantzen expresses the dignity and beauty in her neighbors, and together her paintings proclaim the dignity and beauty of Maquoketa.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to visit the National Portrait Gallery to see Portrait of Maquoketa. It is an inspiring interpretation of American life.

BRUCE VENTO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Park Trust Bruce Vento Public Service Award. This award was established in 2001 by the National Park Trust to honor the memory and legacy of Congressman Bruce Vento.

Congressman Vento was a relentless advocate for America's national parks and conservation heritage and my predecessor in representing the citizens of Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House. As Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands, Mr. Vento passed more park legislation than any previous chairman.

The National Park Trust is a public-private partnership dedicated to the protection of America's parklands. This year, the National Park Trust presented the award to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his leadership in the protection of public lands in California and for his commitment to connecting children to the outdoors. I congratulate the Governor and commend the National Park Trust for its work in honoring the legacy of Congressman Vento.

HONORING THE REV. LLOYD SAATJIAN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Reverend Lloyd Saatjian, who passed away on July 28, 2009. Reverend Saatjian was a beloved pastor, humanitarian, social justice advocate, and so much more. His genuine warmth was felt by all who met him, and had unique ability to connect with people.

Reverend Saatjian was appointed to lead the First United Methodist Church of Santa

Barbara in 1989 where he served as Pastor until his retirement several years ago. During his time as Pastor, he was an active member of the Greater Santa Barbara Area Clergy Association where he worked closely with leaders from other local faith communities on a wide range of projects and initiatives, including an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. Hosted at First United Methodist Church, this wonderful event brought together community members from every faith to find common ground and give thanks. This event held special significance in 2001 when it helped facilitate an open dialogue between the local Muslim community during a time of such great unrest and misunderstanding.

He also forged a unique and inspirational partnership with the local Jewish community to help rebuild African American churches in the American South that had fallen victim to arson. Beginning 11 years ago, this partnership has sent hundreds of my constituents to small rural towns across the South to help those in need. These trips have not only built places of worship, but also lasting friendships with church and community members from all walks of life. This ongoing partnership is a shining testament to Reverend Saatjian's lifelong commitment to social justice and interfaith collaboration.

Reverend Saatjian was a cherished and valued member of the Santa Barbara community, and he will be truly missed.

HONORING GERALD RICHARDSON, OGEMAW COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a constituent who has distinguished himself both in service to his country and to his community. Mr. Gerald Richardson has been named "Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year" by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. It is an honor befitting the dedication and patriotism Mr. Richardson has demonstrated both in the U.S. Navy and in civilian life.

Mr. Richardson was born January 4, 1930 in Centerline, Michigan to Carl and Pauline Richardson. Upon graduation from Hazel Park High School, Mr. Richardson went to work for Chrysler Corporation as an automatic screw machinist operator.

In January of 1951 Mr. Richardson went to serve his country, enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He attended basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and was assigned to Little Creek Naval Air Station in Virginia. After one month in Virginia, Mr. Richardson received his assignment to the USS *Casa Grande* LSD where he performed duties as a machinist mate, second class.

While onboard the USS *Casa Grande* LSD Mr. Richardson served in many missions and exercises, including supply missions to Newfoundland and Greenland. He and his crewmates also performed amphibious training in various locations. In December 1954 Mr. Richardson received an honorable discharge and returned to Michigan.

Upon discharge from the U.S. Navy, Mr. Richardson went back to working for Chrysler,